

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 13 and 15 have been amended. Claims 2 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 21-28 have been added. Applicants thank examiner for the notification of allowable subject matter with regard to claims 3, 6-7, 13, 16-17.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0015476 issued to Graham Kennedy Twaddle (referred to henceforth as "Twaddle").

The cited passages of Twaddle recite:

[0019] In the preferred embodiment, user specific information is stored on a legacy database, and an application server is preferably provided to access information from the database to form the page component data structures which can be compiled into the web-page.

[0020] From another aspect, the present invention also provides a system providing dynamic web-page generation, the system comprising user template storage means arranged to store one or more user templates, each template containing one or more hierarchical references to one or more page component data structures;

[0049] The operation of the system architecture of FIG. 1 can be described as follows. Suppose a user n 114 requests access to his user specific portal web-page containing information which he has pre-selected upon registration with the website. The user transmits his page request over the Internet 100 to the web server 102, who passes the request to the page builder 104. The page builder 104 obtains the user n's template from the user template storage medium 106, and proceeds to parse the user template to determine the content that must be merged into the template. The template is parsed line-by-line, and pointers to the files or data structures referenced therein are passed to the application server which acts to retrieve the referenced files or data structures either from the file system 152 in the case of static or semi-static content, or to dynamically create the reference data structure by accessing the legacy database 156 to retrieve the personal user data and mail-merging the retrieved data into a file template stored in the application server. The application server then passes back the referenced files or data structures to the portal page builder module 104 upon request, and the portal page builder module 104 compiles the received files or data structures in turn to create the user web-page.

Twaddle, paragraphs 0019-0020, 0049 (emphasis added).

Amended claims 1 and 11 recite "storing seed data within a database, the seed data identifying an initial appearance and operation of the portal web site." Conversely, Twaddle

discloses the storage of user defined templates only. For example, in addition to the underlined citation above, Twaddle discloses “With reference to FIG. 2, user template storage means 106 stores a plurality (210, 220, 230, 240) of pre-created user templates, saved when a particular user n first registered with the website.” Twaddle, Paragraph 55, lines 1-4. Twaddle does not disclose “storing *seed data* within a database, the *seed data identifying an initial appearance and operation* of the portal web site” as recited in amended claim 1.

As Twaddle does not disclose all the limitations of claims 1 and 11, Twaddle cannot be used to preclude patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C 102.

Claims 2, 4-5, 8-10 and 12, 14-15, 18-20 depend on claims 1 and 11, respectively and therefore are patentable over Twaddle for at least the same reasons.

New claims 21-28 recite essentially the same limitations as claims 1-10, and therefore, are patentable over Twaddle for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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